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To our amiable democratic contemporary: Thanks for the news-day.

Governor Dunne's middle name is Fitzsimmons. No wonder he is a fighter.

Of course, those water power-geysers are due for a little more spouting.

Judges who use their official power to "get" people, are not safe persons to trust with power.

In the meantime, remember that the groundhog has six weeks in which to make good as a prophet.

Castro may be a man without a country, but he's sure "got" a big mad on" over that Ellis Island episode.

One gets the notion from reading the accounts that Judge Guthrie of Kansas City does not like Editor Nelson personally.

The Shoe Machinery trust may become as cheery as an old-time boy with brass-toed boots over its victory at Washington.

The man who feared twenty days would not be enough in which to introduce bills in the Nebraska legislature, knows better now.

The ice man reduced the rates for frozen water, but the Water board still refuses to give the people lower rates for water in liquid form.

One of the Chicago auto bandits is only 18 years of age. Chicago should at least require its auto bandits to attain their majority first.

If elected to the United States senate, possibly James Hamilton Lewis will dispense with his pink 'uns out of deference to senatorial courtesy.

Dr. Patton of Princeton is quoted as saying that we are all more or less crazy. Being a relative proposition, then, what's the difference?

King Menelik hardly landed on the front page with this latest announcement of his death. Too many live ones to fill the space just now.

"The railroads stand at attention," says Jim Hill, "awaiting the people's command." Then stop belittling Omaha's position on the Burlington map.

Perhaps the sure way to reduce the number of bills sponsored by our law-makers would have been to lengthen the time for their introduction.

Farmers of Nebraska with sons and daughters to educate are entitled to a great state university on a campus affording room enough to grow up to the needs of the future.

By way of reciprocity, let us say that President Wilson in seeking a man for ambassador to Germany could go past our distinguished democratic senator and fare worse.

Those two East St. Louis mothers who have betrothed their infant boy and girl of the same age, may find some twenty years hence that, unlike the orientals, American kids make their own selections.

The Lenten period may have been quite long enough for ancient sinners, but to do full penance in a short forty days in this twentieth century would require a lot of folks to speed up on their fastest gear.

Yes, and should be sent as ambassador to Berlin, would he take with him one of those beautiful pictures, once printed in his newspaper, exhibiting Kaiser William diving into a pawnshop to soak his crown?

The Mileage Graft.

For some inexplicable, but apparently inherent, reason, election to public office immediately starts the graft germ working if it is anywhere embedded.

In the general name of grab, the sheriffs of Nebraska, through their official association, have the brazen nerve to ask for an increase of the mileage allowance prescribed by statute so that they can work this side line a little harder.

One of our Nebraska presidential electors recently took out of the treasury \$60 for traveling to and from the state capital, when he had received only what he actually paid out, he would have collected scarcely one-fourth of that amount.

The members of the legislature, themselves, are about as bad offenders in this respect as any, having had their pay doubled and railroad fare reduced one-third, yet continue to fill their pockets with fake mileage at the same old rate dating back to ox-team and stage-coach days.

If the legislature wants to keep in step with the trend of the times, it will uproot the whole mileage graft system, and make public officers, high and low, turn in under oath itemized bills and receipts for reimbursement, and not for profit.

Theater Panics.

Most theater panics are caused about as was the one in New York recently where two persons were killed and a score of others badly injured—the alarm of fire is sounded and the people stampede. In this case a boy cried "fire" and, as usual, people lost their heads and death and injury ensued.

On the theory, therefore, that the best time to close the barn door is before the horse is stolen, perhaps it would not be amiss to warn theater-goers, especially patrons of the moving picture shows, multiplying so rapidly, that the surest way to avert disaster in a crisis of this kind is to keep as cool as possible.

Hearing on Literacy Test.

The president indicates his desire to hear arguments for and against the literacy test clause in the immigration bill before passing upon it. Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor is said to believe the president will veto the bill, as he would be justified in doing and, no doubt, sustained by popular sentiment.

An immigrant's ability to read and write is not a test of his fitness to enter our ports. If sound in body, mind and morals, we cannot afford to deny him admission. Such a person with the grit to leave home and native land in quest of better conditions abroad is not the one to subject to bar because he cannot read and write, but may be depended on in the struggle for success to acquire such knowledge.

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A mass meeting of citizens, held in the city council chambers, heartily endorsed the terminal taxation bill pending before the legislature. This was house roll 171, enabling municipalities to tax railroads for local purposes.

The alumni of Columbia university residing in Nebraska formed an association, with Victor Rosewater as president, Stephen L. Gelthardt of Lincoln as vice president and Dr. W. F. Milroy of Omaha as secretary and treasurer, and these also constituted the executive committee.

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A Lincoln Memorial. Greek temples played an important part in the life of Abraham Lincoln. Gettysburg was immortalized and hallowed by a Lincoln speech that inspires in the lives of Americans as a God-given epic.

No spot on which fraternal blood was spilled in our civil conflict has been made more sacred to American memory in all its significance than Gettysburg, which is hardly thought of without recalling in spirit if not in letter Mr. Lincoln's immortal address. This address was more than superb diction, more than polished rhetoric; it was both of these, but it was a solemn plea to all Americans.

The Gettysburg battlefield, on which Lincoln's greatest speech was delivered, will be the goal of patriotic pilgrimages for eternal time. The highway memorial would not only emphasize our veneration of Lincoln, but also embody the spirit of utilitarianism that dominated his life.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—Right Rev. James O'Connor, Catholic bishop of Nebraska, issued his Lenten letter.

The city council was wrestling with a so-called area ordinance, providing for zoning strips of land owned by the city to abutting property owners.

The nuptials of John J. O'Connor and Miss Nellie Diffey was celebrated at St. Philomena's cathedral. The groom was attended by J. Enright, and the bride by Miss Ella Creighton.

At the residence of Charles Schank the marriage of Sol Prince, his business partner, and Miss Flora Rosenthal, sister of Mrs. Schank, was solemnized by Judge Charles.

Twenty-two new members have been received into the Presbyterian church. The Union Pacific Athletic association have elected directors as follows: John G. Taylor, W. F. Bechel, E. Buckinham, L. H. Karty and W. H. Wing.

The annual ball of the Omaha Maennerchor was celebrated with more than usual brilliancy, both Turner and Metz halls being utilized for the purpose.

Twenty Years Ago—Fred Pickens of the Grant Paving company, left for California, to be gone about two months.

A. L. Strang of LaPorte, Tex., formerly of Omaha, was in the city. He said Texas has become the mecca of northern people, who were investing in land and other property there.

The grain committee of the Board of Trade, composed of A. B. Jaquith, chairman, James Walsh, F. E. White and J. A. Connor, drew up a resolution demanding that an appeal be made to the railroads for better rates on grain and that legislation be effected to bring about the desired relief.

Much interest was manifested about town in a ruling by the Iowa supreme court knocking the underpinning out from under justices of the peace and loan sharks in Council Bluffs, who had been doing a thriving business jointly by means of the garnishing process.

A well worn by fourteen brides in the last seven years was used again by Eleanor Bohm when she was married to Harry Rose of Yonkers. Guarded with the most superstitious care, the veil has been handed on from one member of the family to another, and each of the fourteen marriages under it have all been considered as resulting most happily.

Speeding in an automobile near Houston, Tex., with the speedometer registering sixty-three miles per hour, T. H. Swift and Miss Blanche Williams were married by Judge J. H. Crooker at 1 o'clock in the morning.

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Frederick Eckstrom went to Chicago to witness the performance of Grace Crocker in "Fretty Peggy," in which Carl Eckstrom, his brother and an Omaha boy, was playing the leading role.

Mrs. Homer T. Ashbaugh, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. V. D. Hungate, for two weeks, returned to her home in Kansas City.

People Talked About

General Sickles' statement that he is 92 years old surprised many people. According to "Who's Who," he was 87 last October.

A loving cup and any job he's fit to fill are among the campaign treasures bestowed on William F. McComb, chairman of the democratic national committee.

Murine T. Krepps, who claimed to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, is dead at Washington, at the age of 96. He had been a member of the order for seventy-five years.

From the humble position of stenographer to secretary of a \$3,000,000 corporation is the jump that Miss Martha A. Parsons of New Britain, Conn., has taken in a quarter of a century.

Though formally bounced from the job, Leslie M. Shaw holds on to his desk as president of the Mutual Life Guaranty and Trust company of Philadelphia. A five-year contract carrying \$5,000 a year and having two years to run rather dashed his opponents. They did not know the contract existed until Leslie played his joker.

Twenty-seven years ago as a bride, Mrs. C. W. Fay, wife of a wealthy farmer of Kansas, lost her wedding ring at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Olive Fay. Recently, while making a visit to the old home, Mrs. Fay found the ring beside the front steps of the house. It lay on the loose dirt which had been scratched up by the chickens.

Twice Told Tales

Up Against It.

"I suppose you're very happy, now that you're elected mayor?"

"But you got such a splendid vote. It ought to make you feel happy to think the people have such confidence in you."

"That is cheering, of course. It is fine to know that the majority of the people believe in you. Still, I'm not altogether contented."

"I can't understand it at all. Here you've been elected to the highest honor in the community; you have splendid opportunities to do good work; you may graduate from this position to broader service for the state, and possibly from the state to the nation. You ought to be happy if anyone is."

"I know it. But I'm not. The fact is I am up against it. I have four political managers who did splendid service for me, and each one demands the same job."

Misplaced Precision. "Oh, I just let it go. And it's awfully nice!" cried little Dorothy, regarding her chocolate frosted dessert with high approval.

"You should not say 'love cake,'" reproved her mother; "say you 'like' it; and don't say 'awfully,' say 'very.' Don't say 'nice,' but 'good.' And, by the way, the word 'just' should be omitted, and also the 'oh.' Now, my dear, repeat the sentence correctly."

The Thing for Him. A beginner at golf was on one occasion taking an unbecomingly long time to get round a seaside course near Edinburgh. Several holes had been "played" in a manner which produced a look of disgust in the face of the caddy. Getting badly bunkered, the man tried several clubs, one after the other, without success.

Home Ties. New York is to provide a house where young men and women may meet and do their courting under the eyes of experienced chaperons. The project is intended to check the menace of public dance halls.

Relief for the Poor Sheriffs. FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to the "poor sheriffs'" plea for additional mileage:

Why not propose a law requiring everyone to designate to the county clerk by letter or in person a legal residence reached by registered mail, street address, postoffice or rural route.

Popular Science. Esperanto has more than 100 magazines and journals of its own, which circulate in every civilized country.

March 4th. Fifty-three Nebraska colonials in full dress regalia and several hundred Indians in full feathers will be the principal decorations of the inaugural parade in Washington.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT. Blue Springs Sentinel: State life insurance is one of the ideas sought for in a bill pending before the legislature.

Elaborate plans are being worked out by the Washington police to protect inaugural crowds from the annoying touch of illegitimate practitioners of the art.

Blair Pilot: The house has now dropped the names of seven employees from its payroll to bring it within the limit of the law, eighty-two. The senate still has from twelve to fifteen over the legal limit.

Teumseh Herald: It is said that it costs the state about \$2,000 for every day the legislature is in session. What do you think of that? Then for a bunch of politicians wanting to ride over the state in a train coach costing \$45 per day besides the usual mileage fee. That is economy with a vengeance.

The Bee's Letter Box

Lays It to the Judge.

BENSON, Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Not the old prejudice of not dealing fairly with the poor, but injustice pure and simple—"new blood" for judges is right. It has been plainly seen that a prominent judge, presiding in juvenile court, is afflicted with limited vision.

"What is your reason for thinking you ought to have the appointment you have requested?"

"Yes, he would have to wear smoked glasses if things were to appear dark to him."—Buffalo Express.

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Lines to a Laugh.

He (back from the punch bowl) just look across the room, m' dear. Did you ever see a homelier man?

"She (in a tragic whisper)—Don't disgrace yourself, George. That's a mirror!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Arthur Chapman in Denver Republican. You can get a fight on the broad highway. With the first low-brow you meet; You can fust in the street car any day. If you step on someone's feet; You can scrap with your neighbors over there. You can fight with your good wife, Bees.

But belligerence must stop somewhere— You can ne'er quarrel with Success.

You can have a row in a minute's time With the driver of a van; No need to offer him a dime To prove that he's a man; You can go six rounds most any morn. And make your yard a mess, If you treat your milkman's milk with scorn— But you can't fight with Success.

The world is full of touchy men, Who stand upon their rights; The right word dropped by tongue or pen Will bring the fist that smites; The bulldog, looting on the pave, Assumes his aloofness; There's fight, it seems, in all things save The thing we call Success.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder. A pure, Grape cream of tartar baking powder—Makes Food More Delicious and Wholesome—No Alum—No Phosphates. Care must be taken to keep Alum from the Food which can derange the stomach should not be tolerated in baking powder.

An Attractive Home Holds the Family Together. Every member of the family delights in the cheerful, bright home. You can have a brighter and more cheerful home if you light it with Incandescent Gas Lights.

THIS WILL SOLVE THE HOME LIGHTING PROBLEM TO YOUR SATISFACTION. It is cheaper to light the home with gas, and you get the very best light. When you use our safety self-lighting attachment there is no need to strike a match and there is a tiny speck of light to guide you in the darkness.

OMAHA GAS CO. Tel. Doug. 605 1809 HOWARD. Fifty-three Nebraska colonials in full dress regalia and several hundred Indians in full feathers will be the principal decorations of the inaugural parade in Washington.

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